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BY FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Matthew Cohn, ENF-L
999 18th Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Mel and Lerah Parker / Libby Asbestos Site
Our File No. 00-039

Dear Mr. Cohn:

Enclosed is the Parkers' executed Reimbursement Agreement to resolve only issues relating to the personal items, equipment and inventory disposed of pursuant to the response action. Also enclosed are the two affidavits you requested, demonstrating that the Parkers were innocent purchasers of the property and had no knowledge of any contamination until the public disclosures of the Libby disaster in November of 1999.

Please call me upon receipt of this letter and the enclosures to advise as to whether the affidavits and agreement are satisfactory.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



Tom L. Lewis

TLL:jlw

Encl.

c: Mel and Lerah Parker
Erik B. Thueson

A F F I D A V I T


STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss.
County of Cascade)

MEL PARKER, being first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states:

1. He resides at 5000 Highway 37 North, Libby, Montana and is the owner of property, known as the Raintree Nursery property, which he and his wife, Lerah Parker, purchased from W. R. Grace & Company.
2. The Raintree Nursery property is the subject of a response action by EPA authorized by § 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 USC §9601, et seq., and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 CFR, Part 300.
3. Your affiant had no knowledge of the presence of any asbestos or other toxic substance on said property at any time prior to November, 1999, when news media first reported the existence of significant environmental hazards in Lincoln County, Montana, caused by the release of toxic substances by W. R. Grace & Company and its predecessors in interest.
4. Your affiant was never told by W. R. Grace & Company or any of its representatives that the property Grace sold to your affiant was contaminated by asbestos or any other toxic substances.

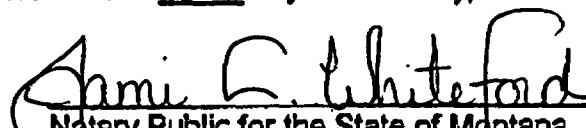
Further your Affiant sayeth not.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2001.


MEL PARKER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day of February, 2001.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)


Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Great Falls
My Commission Expires: 12-2-02

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STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss.
County of Cascade)

LERAH PARKER, being first duly sworn upon her oath, deposes and states:

1. She resides at 5000 Highway 37 North, Libby, Montana and is the owner of property, known as the Raintree Nursery property, which she and her husband, Mel Parker, purchased from W. R. Grace & Company.

2. The Raintree Nursery property is the subject of a response action by EPA authorized by § 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 USC §9601, et seq., and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan ("NCP"), 40 CFR, Part 300.

3. Your affiant had no knowledge of the presence of any asbestos or other toxic substance on said property at any time prior to the Fall of 1999, when news media first reported the existence of significant environmental hazards in Lincoln County, Montana, caused by the release of toxic substances by W. R. Grace & Company and its predecessors in interest.

4. Your affiant was never told by W. R. Grace & Company or any of its representatives that the property Grace sold to your affiant was contaminated by asbestos or any other toxic substances.

Further your Affiant sayeth not.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2001.

Lerah Parker.
LERAH PARKER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15th day of February, 2001.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Ami C. Whiteford
Notary Public for the State of Montana
Residing at Great Falls
My Commission Expires: 12-2-02